

SENATE BILL No. 271

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: Noncode.

Synopsis: Water resources study committee responsibilities. Urges the legislative council to assign certain responsibilities to the water resources study committee for the 2014 legislative interim, including the responsibility to receive testimony about: (1) recommendations made by the utility regulatory commission in its most recent annual report to the legislative council; (2) the effect that the relative availability of water resources has upon state and regional economic development decisions; (3) ways in which state government agencies could better coordinate their activities relating to the management of water resources; and (4) key elements that a state water plan should contain.

Effective: April 1, 2014.

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January 13, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Environmental Affairs.



Second Regular Session 118th General Assembly (2014)

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning natural resources.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2014] (a) The general
2 assembly urges the legislative council to assign to the water
3 resources study committee established by IC 2-5-25-1 the following
4 responsibilities for the 2014 legislative interim:

5 (1) Receive testimony and information from the Indiana
6 utility regulatory commission created by IC 8-1-1-2
7 concerning the findings presented by the commission in its
8 most recent report to the legislative council under
9 IC 8-1-30.5-3(c)(1).

10 (2) Receive testimony on the effect that the relative
11 availability of water resources has upon state and regional
12 economic development decisions.

13 (3) Receive testimony concerning ways in which state
14 government agencies could better coordinate their activities
15 relating to the management of water resources.

16 (4) Receive testimony concerning ways in which state and
17 local governments can better coordinate their activities



1 relating to the management of water resources.

2 (5) Receive testimony concerning the unique water resource
3 challenges facing rural Indiana and, in particular, the
4 agricultural community, including aquifer withdrawals,
5 surface water concerns, and inter-basin transfers.

6 (6) Receive testimony that evaluates:

7 (A) the recommendations set forth by the Indiana utility
8 regulatory commission in its most recent report to the
9 legislative council under IC 8-1-30.5-3(c)(1); and

10 (B) other recommendations concerning Indiana's water
11 resources.

12 (7) Receive testimony on the key elements that a state water
13 plan should contain.

14 (b) This SECTION expires December 31, 2014.

15 SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.

